

## COVID-19:

### Assessment, progression and classification in undergraduate programmes in which the provision of a placement has changed in 2020/21 and subsequent years

Where the structure of a programme has been amended to accommodate a change as to when a placement will take place, the following temporary amendments to regulation will be in force for 2020/21 and at the point of classification, relating to the differing models in place for provision of a formal placement (study abroad or in industry) within a programme of study.

- A. The placement is provided over the third year of study and the final year of study (both 60 credit point units at level 6)
  1. The two 60 credit point placement units will combine and be treated as the third year of study for the purposes of classification
  2. The University of Bristol units delivered in the third and final years of study will be treated as the final year for the purposes of classification
  3. Students should automatically progress between the third and final year of study.<sup>1</sup>
  4. The University of Bristol units that are failed in the third year of study will not be re-assessed<sup>2</sup>; credit will be awarded at the final exam board for these units should the criteria for awarding 120 credit points in the Taught Code (per clause 30.19) be met.<sup>3</sup>
  5. Any assessment in University of Bristol units in the third year of study that is missed will be taken in or at the end of the first teaching block in the final year of study.
  6. The combined placement units (as 1 above) will contribute 10% to classification; the UoB units from the third and final years of study (as 2 above) will contribute 75% to classification.
- B. The placement year and final year is switched (i.e. the placement is taken in the final year):
  7. The normal regulations for assessment, progression and award will follow the year of study e.g. on a four-year programme, the normal final year of study will apply to the penultimate year of study under this model and vice versa.
  8. The programme weighting for classification will be rearranged accordingly such that the weighting will follow the year of study (e.g. from: 0:40:10:50 to 0:40:50:10) corresponding to the agreed programmes weightings set out in the [Taught Code](#).
- C. The placement is reduced to 60cp in the third year of study with the other 60cp taken at Bristol:
  9. Progression from the year will follow the standard regulations of a student needing to achieve 120cp; the placement will constitute a 60cp unit where the student needs to be achieve a pass overall to be awarded the credit.

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<sup>1</sup> Where the exam board has concerns as to whether the student will complete their programme, a relevant member of staff should update the student on their academic progress and advise them on what is required for them to do so and the support on offer.

<sup>2</sup> This model is only available in Geography where the year 3 UoB units are optional and therefore can be compensated under clause 30.19 in the normal regulations for final year.

<sup>3</sup> Where the student does meet the criteria for the award of 120cp in the final year of study to complete the programme, they will be awarded an Ordinary Degree under the University's normal regulations.

10. Any University of Bristol units that are failed or missed in the year will be re-assessed in assessment period 2 in 2020/21.
11. The programme weighting for classification is unchanged (e.g. year 3 = 10%).

*Approved by the Vice-Chancellor  
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